

**From Pastor HK**

Hello New Hope UMC! I'm pastor HK and excited to be part of this amazing faith community to make God known in Spirit and truth. I pray and hope that our time together will be fruitful and glorify Jesus Christ through all things. Again, I want to thank Pastor Mike for leading this wonderful church. Let us continue to keep him and his new ministry in our prayers. As I continue to discern and follow the Lord and His will, I pray and hope that our church will seek the Kingdom of God first and navigate what it means to share the Gospel as Christ intended us to share faithfully. As a pastor, I still lack many things but one thing I can humbly share with our church is this: I earnestly ask God to dwell in our midst and we have holy communion with the Lord daily.

*Habakkuk 3:2 says LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.*

I want to share a powerful testimony that resonates with this scripture. A college student at Wheaton College went on a tour of John Wesley's house in England with his class. After the tour ended and the professor was doing a final headcount, he noticed one student was missing. The professor went back into the house to look for the missing student and found this student kneeling where Wesley knelt in his daily prayer. The professor heard the student earnestly asking God to move and bring revival in their days once again. That student was Billy Graham. Rev. Graham had a hunger for the Lord to dwell and move in his days. I believe God shows up where He is wanted. I don't know about you but we need the presence of God to fall afresh upon us, upon our families, upon our community, upon this nation, and this world. I pray and hope that we will seek the Lord that will delight the heart of God, be in awe of God and His holiness, rejoice and grow in the spirit of Fear of God in our discipleship, and make God known wherever we go and whoever we meet.

God is good and all the time, He is good and faithful.

Blessings,

*Pastor HK Kim*

# *Pastor HK and Sarah's first Sunday with us!*





# THE BIRTHDAY BASH

On Sunday, July 21st, after worship service, we will have our first **Birthday Bash Luncheon at New Hope UMC!**

This is an event where we will celebrate everyone's birthday at one time!

This will be a covered-dish luncheon. Everyone will sit at the table that corresponds with the month that you were born. Twelve different cakes will be provided for each table/month. This will give us all a chance to get to know each other better! You can have your cake and eat it too!



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
EVERYONE!**





The following are the minutes from the **JUNE** meeting of the Administrative Church Council.

The minutes are available to help the entire church family *stay in the know* about how this group is caring for New Hope UMC!

## **Administrative Council Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2024**

Present: Becky Breeding, Alicia Copeland, Cindy Deavers, Wanda Harding, Beth Howdysshell, Laura Jenner, Bill Lalla, Bruce Rogers, Cindy Sheets and Karen Whitmer.

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Becky Breeding, and Karen read a devotion and prayed.

The minutes to the May council meeting were accepted as distributed.

### **Treasurer:** *(Cindy Deavers reported)*

- Our insurance bill for property liability is due July 1st, which is payment for the first quarter of the year. The amount is \$1,831.25 due on July 1st. Our insurance is through Brotherhood Mutual, the annual premium is \$7,325. Our deductible has increased to \$5,000. Our worker's comp premium is \$476.
- The air duct cleaning in the parsonage was \$1,090.00
- We received \$485 in offering for the parsonage renovations.
- The United Methodist Men has agreed to pay for the cost of the parsonage renovations.
- Payroll has not been paid yet for the month.
- We have \$30,141.17 in the General Fund right now.
- It was agreed that we should pay \$1,767 for one month's worth of Conference Apportionments.

### **Pastor Mike:** *(report from Pastor Mike)*

- Pastor Mike asked Becky Breeding to present this motion to the Council for approval: to nominate Beth Howdysshell and Alicia Copeland to be At-Large Members of the Administrative Council; and also to nominate Bruce Rogers to be Finance Chairperson through the end of the year. Bill Lalla seconded the motion, and all of these nominations were passed by all present.



### **Finance Chair:** *(Bruce Rogers reported)*

- Bruce has agreed to be our new Finance Chairperson through the end of 2025.
- Bruce will meet with Pastor HK this upcoming Monday.

### **Finance Secretary:** *(Becky Breeding reported)*

- Becky is very thankful for her counting team, everything is going well.

### **Staff Parish Relations Committee:** *(report from Sandy Wyrick)*

- The Parsonage painting went well
- The search for a full-time accompanist is still ongoing. Currently we have Nancy Bassett for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. And we have Matthew Grandpre for the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
- Reminder that we will have a Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Kim and Sarah and that will be Sunday, June 30th.

### **Trustees:** *(report from Corey Johnson)*

- The plan for the Parsonage turnover and repair was approved. The overwhelming amount of work needed has been mostly completed. The Trustees would like to thank all members of the church for their assistance.
- Further maintenance related problems found in the parsonage that were discovered:
  - Garbage disposal was not working. A new unit has been purchased and installed.
  - Air duct cleaning discovered that there was refuse in the ducting, from household items to rodent remains. Duct cleaning company was able to remove all items, but needed further disinfecting due to the rodent remains for health and safety concerns. This increased the overall cost of the project, but the parsonage is now safe for a new baby to crawl and reside in the home.
  - The storm door in the rear of the parsonage was warped and inoperable. The door was removed.
  - The water spicket near the garage was not operational and leaked water from the base of the wall. The spicket is in the process of being replaced.
  - The kitchen sink faucet set needed replacement and was not properly seated into the sink basin. A new faucet set has been purchased and is the process of being replaced.
  - The exposed cable line in the rear of the church has been buried and is back to working order.

- The oak tree in the front of the sanctuary has been ground down, grass seed has been planted, watering will continue until we have a good foundation. Discussion of a replacement/memorial tree has been initiated, suggestions from the congregation are welcome. Other stumps in the rear of the property were also ground down.
- The two metal fence panels that were destroyed from the oak tree falling have been removed in the cemetery.
- The sudden infestation of honeybees in the counting room has been removed. Moth balls were placed in the ceiling and that has driven the colony out. All roof joists in the area have been resealed with new caulking. There has been no further evidence of bees in the area since.
- The door threshold on the exterior door to the social hall has been repaired and repainted.
- The old bell in the front of the social hall has been cleaned and repainted.
- The back row pew in the sanctuary has been moved to the Narthex. The pew is too large to maneuver into any of the classrooms.
- Trustee members are ready for a vacation! LOL 😂

### **United Methodist Women:** *(Wanda Harding reported)*

- The next women's meeting for the Circle of Hope and the Circle of Love will be on Monday, August 5th at 6pm, for their Family Picnic.

### **Lay Leader:** *(Bill Lalla reported)*

- We have been averaging about 46 people each Sunday.
- Our Laity is small, but strong, and "we have a good nucleus to start."
- Bill will provide a report of the Annual Conference in the July Hilltopper.

### **United Methodist Men:** *(Bill Lalla reported)*

- Over the past weeks, the UMM have been working with gardening, weeding, mulching around the church - with much thanks to the women and youth who have also helped with these church chores. They provided the soda, the buns, the hot dogs for Pastor Mike's Farewell Luncheon. They have also helped with the parsonage clean-up.
- Bruce Rogers will update our church sign out front with Pastor HK's name on it before Sunday.



## **Membership:** *(Karen Whitmer reported)*

- The following have recently withdrawn their membership from New Hope United Methodist Church: Blake and Linda McKibbin, Mike and Betty Stout, Jim and Jennifer Strother, Kim and Karen Maugans, Mitch, Samantha, Bianca, Wayne and Russell Brensinger. We wish them God's peace and blessings as they worship with a new church family.

## **Communications:** *(Cindy Sheets reported)*

- The general computer in the church office has not had its internet access restored yet. We will call John's computer next week to seek help for this issue.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- We are getting quotes on a new gas convection kitchen stove. Bruce will make a spreadsheet to make it easier to compare. The price ranges are \$3,000-\$7,000 of the ones that we are looking at.
- Wanda and Beth are looking to do another fundraiser on August 23rd. It would be Pork BBQ Sandwiches, cole slaw, mac and cheese, green beans. It would be from 4:30pm-6:30pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers. We will put advertising on the TV3 Community Calendar and on Facebook. The money raised can be used for whatever we need. The cost would be \$12 per dinner. The pork has already been purchased. We will ask the congregation to bring cupcakes for dessert. The event will be dine-in or pickup.
- 50's Drive-In is still planned for September 28th - Cindy Sheets and Sandy Wyrick are heading that up.

## **New Business:**

- Our next Community Dinner will be September 4th.
- Alicia said that The Dunns can come on the weekend of November 10th.
- On Sunday, July 21st after worship, we will have a Birthday Bash Luncheon. An event where we will celebrate everyone's birthday at one time. Susan Mehler and Cindy Deavers will head this event. We will ask members of the congregation to bring 12 cakes - one for each month/table. This is a covered dish luncheon and the cakes will be provided. Please look for sign-up sheets in the future for those bringing cakes.

- Neither of the bike events that we have had in the past are happening this year due to the Knightly Mill Bridge being repaired. Hopefully next year we can get back on track with those events because they are both excellent fundraisers for us.
- The Music Room has been cleaned, and new shades installed. Thank you to everyone who helped clean and straighten that room. It was noted that we have 25 choir robes available, all are in good condition except two.
- For the month of July, Pastor HK and Sarah will be here all week. For the month of August, they will only be here on weekends, due to Sarah's weekly doctor appointments. When the baby is born, Pastor HK will take a 6 week paternity leave.

Becky Breeding dismissed us with a prayer. The meeting went from 6:32pm-7:34pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
Cynthia Sheets  
Recording Secretary

*The next council meeting will be Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 6:30pm*

# Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 ~ Kyle VanLear                | 12 ~ Natasha Ritchie          | 19 ~ Jim & Jennifer Strother ❤️ |
| 4 ~ Rita Lambert                | 12 ~ Tuck Rogers              | 23 ~ Freddie Craig              |
| 6 ~ Emma Via                    | 13 ~ Debbie Arnold            | 23 ~ Tim Howdysshell            |
| 8 ~ David Shiflett, Jeff Walker | 15 ~ Jerry & Susan Coffman ❤️ | 27 ~ Becky Breeding             |
| ~ Mike and Lauren Kelly ❤️      | 16 ~ Jase Harding             | 31 ~ Julia Arndt                |
| 9 ~ William Harding             | 16 ~ Andrew Viers             | 31 ~ Nancy Howdysshell          |
| 10 ~ Clara Breeding             | 17 ~ John & Helen Morse ❤️    |                                 |



# *Parsonage Spruce-Up 2024*

Thanks again to everyone who helped us with the parsonage spruce-up and church cleaning and gardening over these past few weeks. Thank you for your time, your cleaning talents, your painting talents, your green thumbs, your monetary donations and your prayerful support!

For more pictures please go to: [facebook.com/MyNewHopeUMC](https://facebook.com/MyNewHopeUMC)



# 2024 Annual Conference

The 242nd session of the Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference took place June 20-22 in Hampton Va.

This is when every church in our conference sends at least two representatives to come together as one body.

At minimum the attendees will be the pastor, lay leader, and any number of at large delegates.

Although only these folks may vote on business matters, However, everyone is invited.

This was probably the least contentious meeting in many years. Now that COVID is behind us, and (hopefully) we heard the last of disaffiliation, more emphasis is being placed on the church moving forward. There was a service of remembrance for clergy and laity leaders that passed on during the previous 12 months, and there was a service of dedication for laity and clergy alike that were ready to take the next step in their Christian journey.

There were also several thought provoking Christian teaching sessions, which along with the singing were uplifting and inspiring.

The conference concluded with a service of consecration where a solemn ceremony of ordination took place.

Obviously there was so much more including the business and financial portions. The entire proceedings, including the livestream, is available on the conference website [VAUMC.org](http://VAUMC.org).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Lalla, Lay Leader





## **Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings at New Hope UMC**

**Thursday, July 4th** ~ Happy July Fourth!

**Saturday, July 6th** ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

**Sunday, July 7th** ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship and Holy Communion @ 10:30am

**Thursday, July 11th** ~ Trustees Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Saturday, July 13th** ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

**Sunday, July 14th** ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

**Saturday, July 20th** ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

**Sunday, July 21st** ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

~ Birthday Bash Luncheon - after worship

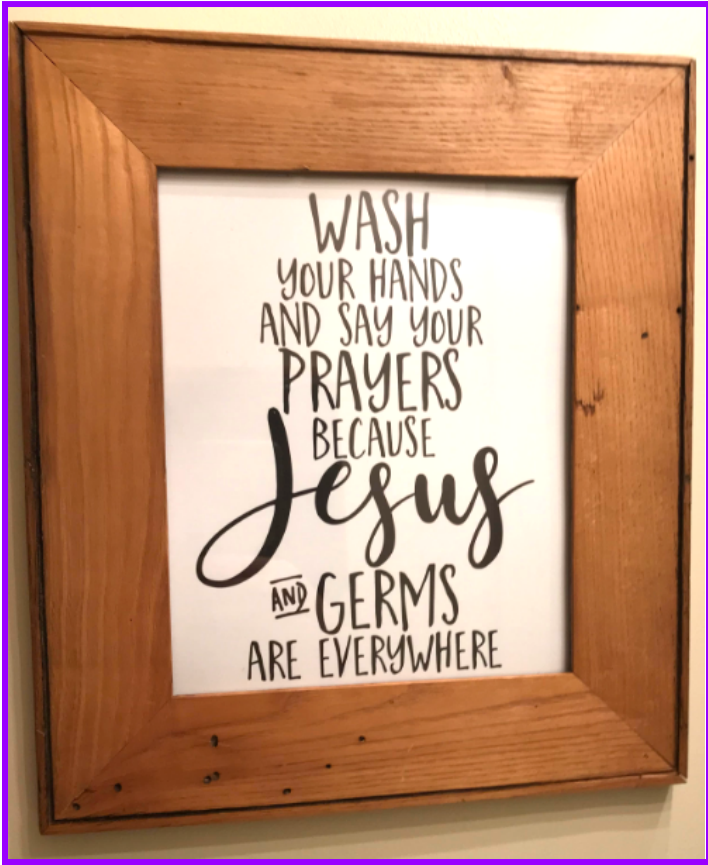
**Thursday, July 25th** ~ Administrative Church Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Saturday, July 27th** ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

**Sunday, July 28th** ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

# *Around the Church*



Crystal Bell, Kellcie Quick and other family members helped to make these nice reminder plaques that you will find in each of our church bathrooms!

Rylee Shiflett taught The Seekers Sunday School class last month. He brought his collection of old family bibles to share with everyone.



# Family

by: Cynthia Sheets

If you were paying attention at all to the testimonials over the past few weeks about *'Why I Love My Church'* - there was a running theme in all of them - Family. Regardless of how long we have been at New Hope UMC, and regardless of what special memories we hold dear - it all boiled down to our church being a family.

And just like any family - we are dysfunctional sometimes, we get angry at each other sometimes, we resent each other sometimes, we disagree with each other sometimes, we hurt each other sometimes.

But, just like any family - we also bring joy to each other, we bring laughter to each other, we bring support to each other, we bring love to each other.

And when the times get hard - we come together. When there is seemingly impossible work to get done - we come together. When there is need, whether it be prayerful need, monetary need, emotional need, physical need - we come together.

That is just what family does.

And that is just what we do here at New Hope UMC ... because we are family.

And now we have new family members that we had the joy of welcoming to our church this past Sunday - Pastor HK and Sarah, and their family and friends. We also look forward to the arrival of their new baby very soon, who will be surrounded by a loving extended family here at our church.

For those who have left our physical church family recently, you may have left, but you are not gone. Because you can not leave my heart. I won't let you. Even if I may still be dealing with some fading feelings of anger due to the circumstances, and due to being emotionally hurt, I still love those who have decided to move on to other churches. Regardless of how they may now feel about me, they will never be able to escape my heart and I will always love them, they are my family.

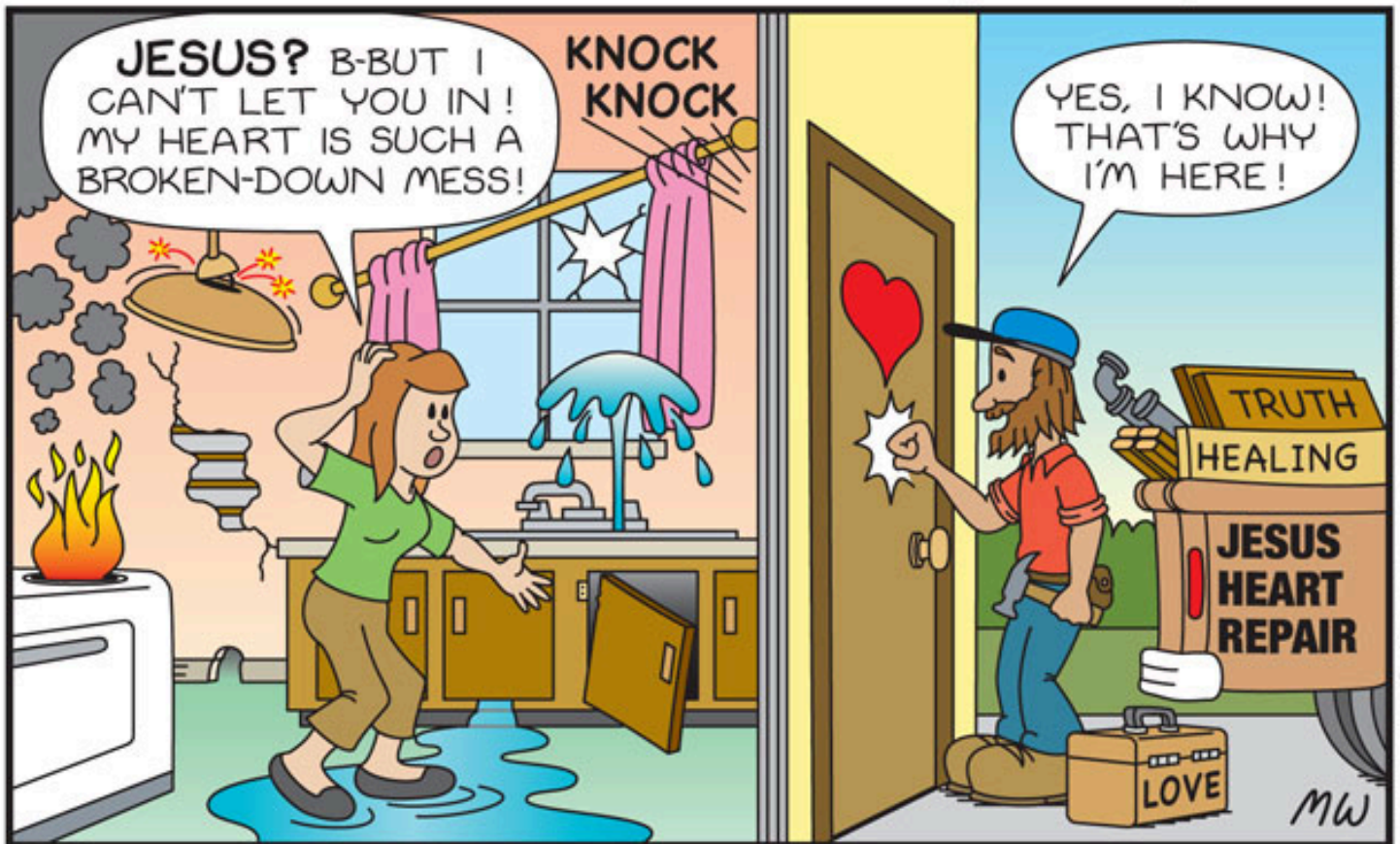
And I know that even though we are not in the same building anymore, physically worshiping together - I know that we, as part of Christ's body - we are all still worshiping together with Christ, working together for Christ, and we are all united in the love of Christ.

And I am very thankful to know that no matter what we do or where we are - that we will all always be part of Christ's family.



# EXTREME HEART MAKEOVER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

— REVELATION 3:20 NIV

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